

I have been a supporter of the FairTax for many years now. I have studied the pros and cons thoroughly. I have asked hard questions and received good answers. The FairTax is not perfect. Nothing can pass that test. But I have found it to be far superior to any other method currently on the scene. It is far simpler to administer, tougher to cheat, spreads the tax burden across a wider population, treats everyone the same, encourages saving, and removes the drag of imbedded taxes of American goods at home and abroad.

It is simpler to understand how it works which makes compliance easier to accept. To truly understand all the consequences you must study and think about it. Much has been written for and against it. The time has come to discuss this seriously. There are many with a vested interest in this not becoming law. Their arguments need to be viewed in that light. This will be very disruptive to implement and there will be winners and losers. This is mostly because of the ridiculous things that have been put in place with the current income tax system. In my opinion we, as a nation, will be much better off if we replaced our current income tax system with the FairTax.

Professionally, I am always looking to improve the efficiency of the computer systems I write and maintain. To be inefficient is to be left behind. Our current income tax system is horribly inefficient. The amount of time and effort it takes to track everything, record it, organize it, and fill out the forms cost us a tremendous amount of time and money. Think of the amount of time accountants, tax attorneys, turbo tax programmers, H&R Block employees, and others spend just to try to figure out how much we must send in to run the government. Think about what we would have if all that time and talent could be spent on something we could sell to the world. Right now that effort gets us NOTHING beyond creating a number we must write on a check. We could hand them all brooms and have the cleanest streets in the world. That is obviously a ridiculous idea but it demonstrates the tremendous amount of wasted effort to come up with something less than clean streets.

World War II destroyed a large part of the world and allowed us to prosper relatively unscathed. In that environment we could be inefficient because no one was in a position to compete against us. We could hamstring our companies with a tax system that added significant cost to their products and they could just pass on those costs to the ultimate consumers and not worry about it. We are living in a different world now. Companies are moving overseas and expending great efforts to mitigate the effects of an uncompetitive tax system. They make many decisions based on the tax affects as opposed to whether it is a good business decision. This distortion is hurting us and could be removed by the FairTax.

It is time to put aside party politics and act. The FairTax has positive elements that can appeal to both parties. I believe the time is right to throw off the shackles of our current income tax system and turn loose the creativity and spirit that has defined our country and once again show the world that the American way is the best way.

Thank you,

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